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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 January 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-15 are pending in this Office Action.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement filed 8/11/03, Paper No. 2 has been considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1,3-4,10,14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,078,914 issued to Redfern in view of US Patent 6,671,714 issued to Weyer et al.(Weyer).

As per claim 1, Redfern teaches an information system for selectively providing information in response to a request from a user, the information system comprising(col.2,lines 56-57):

- a first memory, for storing a first database of information(Figure 5, element 512);
- a second memory, for storing; a second database of information(Figure 5, element 512);
- a first search unit, for analyzing said request and retrieving information related

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to said request from said first memory to generate a first output information signal(col.4,lines 8-24);

a second search unit, for analyzing said first output information signal and retrieving information related to said first output information signal from said second memory to generate a second output information signal(col.4,lines 23-27).

However, Redfern does not teach a webpage unit for receiving said first and second output information signals and selectively displaying said signals on a webpage; and an output unit, for generating an e-mail to said user which includes the address of said webpage.

Weyer teaches a webpage unit for receiving said first and second output information signals and selectively displaying said signals on a webpage(col.6,lines 15-24); and an output unit, for generating an e-mail to said user which includes the address of said webpage(col.6,lines 15-24).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the system of Redfern to add a webpage unit for receiving said first and second output information signals and selectively displaying said signals on a webpage; and an output unit, for generating an e-mail to said user which includes the address of said webpage as taught by Weyer in order to allow on-line communications with people(col.1,lines 45-49)

As per claim 3, the information system of claim 1 whereby said first and second memories are portions of a single memory(Weyer, col.12,line 34).

As per claim 4, the information system of claim 1 whereby said first and second search units comprise a single search unit(Redfern, col.4,lines 29-34).

As per claim 10, a system for selectively providing information in response to a request from a user, the system comprising(Redfern, col.2,lines 56-57):

- a first memory, for storing a first database of information(Figure 5, element 512);

- a second memory, for storing a second database of information(Figure 5, element 512);

- a user connection, for providing said user access to said first database of information, wherein said user makes said request and generates a first output information signal(Redfern, col.9, lines 13-27);

- a first search unit, for analyzing said first output information signal and retrieving information related to said first output information signal from said second memory to generate a second output information signal(Redfern, col.4,lines 8-24);

- a webpage unit for receiving said first and second output information signals and selectively displaying said signals on a webpage(Weyer, col.6,lines 15-24); and
- an output unit, for generating an e-mail to said user which includes the address of said webpage(Weyer, col.6,lines 15-24).

As per claim 14, a system for selectively providing information in response to a request from a user, the system comprising (Redfern, col.2,lines 56-57):

a memory, for storing first and second databases of information(Figure 5, element 512);

a search unit, for analyzing said request and retrieving information related to said request information said first database to generate first output information signal(Redfern, col.4,lines 29-34);

and for analyzing said first output information signal and retrieving information related to said first output information signal from said second database to generate a second output information signal(Redfern, col.4,lines 8-27);

a webpage unit for receiving said first and second output information signals and selectively displaying said signals on a webpage(Weyer, col.6,lines 15-24); and

an output unit, for generating an e-mail to said user, the e-mail including the web address of said webpage(Weyer, col.6,lines 15-24).

Claims 2,5-6,11-13,15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,078,914 issued to Redfern in view of US Patent 6,671,714 issued to Weyer et al.(Weyer).in further view of US Patent 6,256,663 issued to Davis.

Redfern in view of Weyer teaches all the limitations of claim 1, however does not teach as per claim 2, the information system of claim 1 further including a security

system for permitting limited access to said information system upon the receipt of an access code; wherein said e-mail further includes said access code for permitting access to said webpage by said user.

Davis teaches further including a security system for permitting limited access to said information system upon the receipt of an access code(col.1,lines 57-59); wherein said e-mail further includes said access code for permitting access to said webpage by said user(col.5,line 33).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the system of Redfern in view of Weyer to add further including a security system for permitting limited access to said information system upon the receipt of an access code; wherein said e-mail further includes said access code for permitting access to said webpage by said user as taught by Davis in order to acquire feedback regarding products (col.1,lines 14-21).

Claims 5 and 12 are of the same scope as a combination of claims 1 and 2, therefore are rejected based on the same rationale (see claim 1 and 2 rejection).

As per claim 6, the method of claim 5, wherein said access information comprises: a URL to locate the webpage(Davis, col.1,line 57) and an access code to permit viewing of said selective display by said user(Davis, col.1,lines 58-59).

Claims 11 and 15 are of the same scope as claim 2, therefore are rejected based on the same rationale (see claim 2 rejection).

Claim 13 are of the same scope as claim 6, therefore are rejected based on the same rationale (see claim 13 rejection).

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,078,914 issued to Redfern in view of US Patent 6,671,714 issued to Weyer et al.(Weyer) in further view of US Patent 6,256,663 issued to Davis in further view of US Patent 6,490,575 issued to Berstis.

Redfern in view of Weyer in further view of Davis teaches all the limitations of claim 6, however does not teach as per claim 7, the method of claim 6, whereby said first database is remotely located from said second database.

Berstis teaches whereby said first database is remotely located from said second database(col.3, line 62,col.9,line 6).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the method of Redfern in view of Weyer in further view of Davis to add whereby said first database is remotely located from said second database as taught by Berstis in order to improve efficiency and comprehensiveness of distributed data network searches(col.3,lines 37-39).

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,078,914 issued to Redfern in view of US Patent 6,671,714 issued to Weyer et al.(Weyer) in further view of US Patent 6,490,575 issued to Berstis.

As per claim 8, Redfern teaches an information system for selectively providing information in response to a request from a user, the system comprising(col.2,lines 56-57):a link unit for retrieving said portion of information related to said request said remote memory and generating a first output information signal(col.4,lines 8-24); a first search unit, for analyzing said first output information signal, retrieving information related to said first output information signal, and generating a second output information signal(col.4,lines 8-27); first memory, for storing a second database of information(Figure 5, element 512).

However, Redfern does not teach a webpage unit for receiving said first and second output information signals and selectively displaying said signals on a webpage; and an output unit for generating an e-mail to said user including the address of said webpage.

Weyer teaches a webpage unit for receiving said first and second output information signals and selectively displaying said signals on a webpage(col.6,lines 15-24); and an output unit for generating an e-mail to said user including the address of said webpage(col.6,lines 15-24).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the system of Redfern to add a webpage unit for receiving said first and second output information signals and selectively displaying said signals on a webpage; and an output unit for generating an e-mail to said user including

the address of said webpage as taught by Weyer in order to allow on-line communications with people(col.1,lines 45-49).

Redfern in view of Weyer does not teach a remote memory, located remotely from said information system for storing a first database of information, including at least a portion of information related to said request.

Berstis teaches a remote memory, located remotely from said information system for storing a first database of information, including at least a portion of information related to said request(col.3,lines 62-67).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the system of Redfern in view of Weyer to add a remote memory, located remotely from said information system for storing a first database of information, including at least a portion of information related to said request as taught by Berstis in order to improve efficiency and comprehensiveness of distributed data network searches(col.3,lines 37-39).

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,078,914 issued to Redfern in view of US Patent 6,671,714 issued to Weyer et al.(Weyer) in further view of US Patent 6,490,575 issued to Berstis in further view of US Patent 6,256,663 issued to Davis.

Redfern in view of Weyer in further view of Berstis teaches all the limitations of claim 8, however does not teach as per claim 9, wherein said e-mail further includes an access code for selectively permitting access to said webpage by said user.

Davis teaches wherein said e-mail further includes an access code for selectively permitting access to said webpage by said user(col.1,lines 58-59, col.5,line 33).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the system of Redfern in view of Weyer in further view of Berstis to add wherein said e-mail further includes an access code for selectively permitting access to said webpage by said user as taught by Davis in order to acquire feedback regarding products (col.1,lines 14-21).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US Patent 6,363,376 issued to Wiens et al., Abstract, col.8,lines 1-6

US Patent 6,223,177 issued to Tatham et al., Abstract,col.1-4

US Patent 6,385,590 issued to Levine, Abstract, col.1-4

US Patent 6,470,338 issued to Rizzo et al., Abstract, col.1-4

US Patent 6,101,503 issued to Cooper et al., Abstract, Fig.1-8,col.1-2

US Patent 6,360,221 issued to Gough et al., Abstract, col.1-2

US Patent 6,189,009 issued to Stratigos et al., Abstract, col.1-2

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Backhean Tiv whose telephone number is (703) 305-8879. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 A.M.-12 P.M. and 1 -6 P.M. Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenton B Burgess can be reached on (703) 305-4792. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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